

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Javier Castaneda et al.

Group Art Unit: 3733

Serial No.: 10/724,305

Examiner: Ramana, Anuradha

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Title: Bone Fracture Fixation System With Subchondral Support

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY

The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents for a one month extension of time to reply to an Office Action dated November 16, 2007. With the extension of time, the time for reply is extended to March 16, 2008 making this reply timely in nature. Please charge the \$120 fee for the one month extension to deposit account no. 07-1732.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY, AMENDMENT & REMARKS

Please enter the following interview summary, amendment and remarks. Six (6) independent claims have been added for a total of 30 claims, including eight (8) independent claims. Please charge the additional claim fee of \$1350 and any other fee now due to deposit account no. 07-1732.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The attorney for applicant and examiner discussed the claims in an telephone interview on February 11, 2008. It was acknowledged that the Examiner is willing to allow the claims that assemble the pegs to the plate (claims 40, 41 and 50 and 51). The attorney for applicant and examiner discussed how to claim the structure of the plate so that it is directed to the desired subject matter, and obviates claiming the pegs, while still be allowable over the cited art. The discussion focused on claiming structure (e.g., threads) that limits the respective axes to one and only a one direction for any of the claimed holes.